

Subject: In "Life" through the Vatican
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The "penetration" of the Vatican is completely different from any other intelligence operation for the special and singular position of the Vatican. The Vatican is a State, and at the same time it is not, ^{the Holy See} ~~the Vatican~~ the Catholic Church is the greatest organization which ever existed and it is not; the Catholic Church is a very discipline society and at the same time only a crowd of people who have not even the same believe but only the same traditional way of thinking. The penetration is not to find out new and special aims of the Vatican but more, that is: to use the potential strength and the potential possibilities which are inherent in this big organization. One may have any opinion on any religious believe but one thing have to be considered that on this terrain, that is on the religious terrain a mistake can be fatal. The Vatican in his secular policy can fail can be criticized and attacked but one must consider always the noble principles which animate the followers of this faith. On the other side it would be a great error to misunderstand the devotion ~~which~~ due to an idea of transcendency and accept any opinion expressed by the Vatican or by his representatives or to see in each catholic priest an infallible Pope Ersatz. The Vatican is ruled by men who are very well educated and some of them try to guard in a great impartiality but hundredthousands of priests have not the slightest idea what they would have to represent. The Vatican problem is to be handled by people who - belonging to any religious group - have a respect for a great idea. The Catholics consider this idea a divine foundation, others may see in them ~~the work of the human spirit~~ the work of the human spirit but at the other side they can not be people who don't know history who don't know the mere human front of the catholic church.

The Vatican at the present time is interested to guarantee religious freedom and freedom of conscience. They acknowledge the error made forty years ago to associate catholicism with antiliberalism. There is a great change

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everywhere in the world (and so in the highest Vatican circles, in the Catholic press, literature, seminaries etc.) because the important personalities in the Catholic world and in the Vatican see that even Catholicism can exist outside its own atmosphere. Pope Pius XII's policy is to guarantee Catholic freedom of expression, and the Pope's constant message is the importance of the state with its social and philosophical responsibilities.

Therefore and for the natural protection of Catholicism in the American continent and because the persons kind of suffocated, who are coming to the United States and to the whole Catholic world, it can be stated that the American policy of the Vatican inclines towards the maximum cooperation wanted by the American Vatican world. This inclination would ~~be~~ give the American world the only position the American continent has of (being) the subject that the Vatican

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and especially Pope Pius XV. will never give up the idea to support other people, though in a very very careful manner. One ~~must~~ have to keep in mind that Vatican policy was in the modern time ^{for} not to make martyrs and they deal rather willingly with the stronger part. There is an immense difference between work and sacrifice of the single cardinal or catholic priest and the balanced policy of the Holy See. At the last time there ^{are} ~~was~~ certain signs that the policy of balance will have its limits. Vatican ^{must} ~~will~~ ~~remain~~ not to be involved in political quarrels and therefore does not and will not protest against collaboration of catholic states with communists - but its impartiality remains when somebody is willing to touch religious freedom and freedom of conscience.

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What kind of informations and how
could be found in the Vatican and through
the Vatican - keeping in mind these facts?

2. The collecting place of the news (coming from
~~repeat~~ every ~~corner~~ corner of the world are

- 1) The Secretary of State of the Vatican
- and 2) The different "Congregations" which
are to be considered as Ministries ~~Attorney~~

Ciphered messages pass exclusively through
the Secretary of State; letters confidential and
secret documents from the "Congregation" sent
by diplomatic couriers also. In war time
even the most insignificant message or
document is going through the Secretary.

Other collecting places are the General
Staff of the different religious orders. These
men are informed not only through the Sec-
retary and the "Congregation" but through foreign
Legations because several Generals (Procurators
and Procurators General, commonly called Generals)

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belong to foreign, not Italian nations.
F.i. P. Gillet the chief of the Dominican
order is a Frenchman; P. Ledochowski the chief
of Jesuits was Austro-Polish, the actual
Jesuit-chief is French, the Benedictine ^{order} chief is
German, the Premonstratensian ^{order} chief is Belgian etc.

According to the Lateran Treaty
the Holy See has the right to send diplomatic
corpses outside of Italy, with no word it has
the right to maintain its communications with
the whole world. Italy has to tolerate that
Cardinals and Bishops, not only diplomats of
countries which Italy is in war - could
visit the Vatican. These people are another source
of information.

Foreign Ambassadors and Legations, sending
outside of the Vatican, Italy is in the city of
Rome can use their own cipher systems,
others ^{only} the Vatican code. These diplomatic
representatives are also ~~one~~ good source of
information.

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The Secretary of State and ^{some of} the Congress are interested in any kind of news, even in military questions, because they can ~~conclude~~ ^{conjecture} from these claims of news and find out what they need. With other war in this sense the Sec. of State of the Vatican does not differ much from the Foreign Ministry.

Vatican representatives are always for anything possible, even for financial question. The Vatican has its own bank called "Opera di la religione" and is very anxious to be informed on economic, commercial situation of different countries etc.

Generally all kind of information could be received through Vatican Bank.

It has been asked ~~what~~ ^{what} kind of information would not tell the Vatican by the Representative of the U.S. Probably other information **SECRET** ~~the Representative~~ would be

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To build up intelligence means the less we
 in not earners have any other intelligence operations
 easily have sufficient

1. The most read the incoming report directly or indirectly.

2. To try decrease messages

1. To meet through various copies of
"The 11 steps" into enemy domains
occupied countries

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He is a good one to make it right

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Ad 1. This work can be made only by a person who is familiar with the situation in the Pontifical State, and of course civilian. This could be Prof. Alessandrini, or ~~get acquainted with~~ ~~other~~ ~~or a contact man~~ ~~different~~ cardinals, and especially help of the help of different cardinals who have right to see this document.

Ad 2. I have no idea.

Ad 3. This idea is not strange for the Vatican. Several catholic ports penetrated during Burma in 1930-36 and were captured. The organizers of this operation was the Jesuit order, (the Vatican) and has special permission for the mission purposes. I don't see great difficulty of managing the same in the East or in Germany. ~~Ad 4.~~

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This form of penetration could be made through diplomatic courses of the Vatican who are to be sent in enemy or enemy occupied territory.

Certainly after all that the question can be raised - how to suggest to the Vatican to send in this area its agents -

It can be made on different ways. Through selected persons it can be suggested to the Secretary of State that American authorities ^{would} ~~would~~ facilitate any kind of work of the Vatican, and suggest even the idea through selected cut outs. Other way, to find reliable priests who would like to work for the church ^{and} contact them. Mr. Lamm would find in the U.S. or in the USSR in case of Secretary of State knows about the attempt, but the mission could be successful only if the S. of State does not know about it. If this ~~to the~~ project would be accepted it could

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NO ~~particular~~
furnish names for ~~the~~ elaboration

Ad 4. Early can be expected to get
~~information through the various organizations~~
that the Sec of State requires precise information
from determined areas.

It is of preliminary importance to get
or at least a list of possibly responsible
in the Vatican and in the Vatican city.
A complete list of ~~all~~ containing all
important names in the whole Catholic
church in the Americas with focus
(Political Summary) ~~not~~ which
most is ~~not~~ independent to the

There is no difficulty even without
planning a trip to actually to contact such
people who are willing to collaborate. The goal
of Home's Court of State. There is no difference
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who promised me to give further information on a specific Austrian question, which is from primary importance. He promised to contact me with the man who links the Austrian-Vietnam contacts.

~~He said that he would be in contact with me in the next week.~~

I think it would be best to ask if I could see him in the next week. Core, Pius, and Monty Martin. He is a substitute in the Sec. of State. He is in charge of the final. I am a member in which is relationship in the interest of the Central Europe with the American. He is making special. I could arrange a large conversation in absolutely any manner, because for them, also if we sell a man from Central Europe. He is short and who is an American. He is

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